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## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 7, 2003 (Paper No. 15), for which a response was due on February 7, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month is submitted herewith extending the due date to March 7, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.